METHOD TO CONTROL A NETWORK DEVICE
IN A NETWORK COMPRISING SEVERAL DEVICES

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority in, and relates to the following patent applications: U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/091,812, entitled "Bandwidth Reservation," filed on July 6, 1998, European Patent Application No.98 112 500.8, entitled "Bandwidth Reservation," filed on July 6, 1998, European Patent Application No.98 112 499.3, entitled "Method To Control A Network Device In A Network Comprising Several Devices," filed on July 6, 1998, European Patent Application No.98 112 501.6, entitled "Method To Perform A Scheduled Action Of Network Devices," filed on July 6, 1998, and *is a continuation of* ~~co-pending~~ PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/04538, entitled "Method To Control A Network Device In A Network Comprising Several Devices," filed on July 1, 1999.

Furthermore, this application also relates to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/346,251, entitled "Bandwidth Reservation," filed on July 1, 1999, to co-pending PCT Patent Application No. PCT/US99/15369, entitled "Bandwidth Reservation," filed on July 1, 1999, and to co-pending PCT Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/04537, entitled "Method To Perform A Scheduled Action Of Network Devices," filed on July 1, 1999.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1.   Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to techniques for implementing electronic networks, and relates more particularly to a method for controlling a network device in a network comprising several devices.

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